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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A switching terminal comprising:  
a carrier strip;  
a first terminal extending from an edge of the carrier strip; and  
a second terminal extending from the edge of the carrier strip, being substantially parallel to the first terminal and having a cutout defined in an edge thereof ~~adjacent to the first terminal~~ to absorb distortion of the second terminal in the course of the second terminal bending to be substantially parallel to the first terminal.

Claim 2 (original): The switching terminal as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first terminal comprises a first retaining portion connecting with the carrier strip, a first contact section and a first base section connecting the first contact section with the first retaining portion.

Claim 3 (original): The switching terminal as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second terminal comprises a second retaining portion connecting with the carrier strip, a second contact section and a second base section connecting the second contact section and the second retaining portion.

Claim 4 (original): The switching terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein the second base section comprises a transfiguration portion, a

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pressing portion and an angled portion interconnecting the transfiguration portion and the pressing portion.

Claim 5 (original): The switching terminal as claimed in claim 4, wherein the cutout is defined in the transfiguration portion.

Claim 6 (original): The switching terminal as claimed in claim 5, wherein the transfiguration portion is deflected outwardly from the position of the cutout.

Claim 7 (original): The switching terminal as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of signal terminals connect with the carrier strip and are parallel to the first terminal.

Claim 8 (canceled):

Claim 9 (new): A switching terminal comprising:

a first terminal;

a second terminal for electrically connecting with the first terminal, being substantially parallel to the first terminal, the second terminal defining a cutout in an edge thereof to absorb distortion of the second terminal in the course of the second terminal bending to be substantially parallel to the first terminal.

Claim 10 (new): The switching terminal as claimed in claim 9, wherein the cutout is arc-shaped.

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**Claim 11 (new):** The switching terminal as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first terminal is stationary and the second terminal is moveable.

**Claim 12 (new):** The switching terminal as claimed in claim 9, wherein the second terminal comprises a second contacting section overlaps with a first contacting section of the first terminal so as to electrically connect with the first contacting section.

**Claim 13 (new):** A switching terminal comprising:  
a movable terminal;  
a stationary terminal having a first contacting section protruding towards the movable terminal from a distal end thereof; and the movable terminal having a second contacting section to electrically connect with the first contacting section of the stationary terminal.

**Claim 14 (new):** The switching terminal as claimed in claim 13, wherein the movable terminal is substantially parallel to the stationary terminal.

**Claim 15 (new):** The switching terminal as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first contacting section is substantially perpendicular to the movable terminal and other section of the stationary terminal.